



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner:

K.T. Venkateswara Rao

Bruce Edward Snow

Serial No.: 10/668,077

Art Unit: 3738

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Title: Drug-Eluting Stent And Methods of Making Same

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Snow:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 8, 2005,
Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-24.

The Examiner also required an election of species but neglected to provide a list of species from which the Applicant can chose. In a telephone call between Cameron Kerrigan and the Examiner, the Examiner suggested that the Applicant propose the species in this response. Accordingly, Applicant submits the following species for prosecution: (a) a sleeve; (b) polymer material; (c) depots; and (d) a wave pattern.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 9-18 are readable on the species. Applicant hopes that this is in line with what the Examiner had in mind. If this response is deficient, Applicant would appreciate a telephone call to Cameron Kerrigan.


The undersigned authorizes any fees that may be required, or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Date: March 8, 2006

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